



City of Torrance

## STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENT DAY ESSAY FORM

Program available to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Activities will take place on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 from 1-8 p.m. at Torrance City Hall.

Name

Home Phone

Home Address

School

Social Studies Teacher

This information will be kept confidential and only be used to notify winners.

### Instructions

- ❖ Essays must be submitted by Tuesday, February 11, 2014 to social studies teacher.
- ❖ Winning students must be available to participate on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 for **Students and Government Day** activities from 1-8 p.m. at Torrance City Hall.
- ❖ Essay must be between 100 - 150 words. All essay content must stay within the box below.
- ❖ **MUST USE THIS FORM.** Please type or print **neatly** with blue or black pen, no pencil. One side of page only, no staples or glue.

### Essay Topic:

*The foundation of the American political system is citizen participation. Within the City of Torrance, our Mayor's focus has been on active citizen participation through volunteering and helping in our community. This is called "paying it forward." Describe one project that you would develop and complete to "pay it forward" and explain how this would benefit our community.*

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Parent Signature

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Date